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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims, is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1, 7, 9-12, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer and AMEND claims 2 and 3 in accordance with the following:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method for selling goods using a computer having storage, comprising:

storing packaging material data defining correspondence between packaging material information indicating a packaging material and retailer information indicating a retailer providing the packaging material, as well as goods data which includes goods description information describing goods for sale into the storage;

outputting offering data from a plurality of retailers which includes the goods description information in said goods data and the packaging material information indicating a packaging material defined in said packaging material data to a customer;

receiving designation data which includes goods designation information designating goods the customer desires to buy, packaging material designation information designating a packaging material selected by the customer and delivery destination information specifying a delivery destination of the goods, wherein the designation data is regarded as an offer of a sales contract for the goods designated by the good designation information, from the customer to a retailer indicated by the packaging material designated by the packaging material designation information, and the computer receives the designation data as an agent of the retailer;

specifying retailer information corresponding to the packaging material information of the packaging material indicated by the packaging material designation information in the designation data received in said receiving step, based on said packaging material data;

generating order data which includes the specified retailer information, customer information indicating the customer, and the goods designation information in the designation data received;

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outputting the generated order data to a retailer indicated by the retailer information in the order data, by which the retailer can settle an account of the customer as to a price of the goods designated by the goods designation information in the order data;

generating delivery instruction data which includes the packaging material designation information, the goods designation information and the delivery destination information in the designation data received; and

outputting the generated delivery instruction data to a freight agency;

extracting order data whose retailer information indicates a retailer different from that indicated by the retailer information in the goods data corresponding to goods designation information in the same order data, and

gathering statistics including the retailer information and goods designation information in the extracted order data,

wherein said goods data includes retailer information indicating every retailer usually selling corresponding goods.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for selling goods using a server computer having storage and connectable to first client computers each operated by a retailer, a second client computer operated by a customer and a third client computer operated by a freight agency, comprising:

storing packaging material data defining correspondence between packaging material information indicating a packaging material and retailer information indicating a retailer providing the packaging material, as well as goods data which includes goods description information describing goods for sale on the server computer having storage and connectable to first client computers each operated by a retailer, the second client computer operated by the customer, and the third client computer operated by the freight agency;

sending offering data from a plurality of retailers, including the goods description information in said goods data and the packaging material information in said packaging material data, to the second client computer operated by the customer;

receiving designation data, including goods designation information designating goods the customer desires to buy, packaging material designation information designating a packaging material selected by the customer operating the second client computer and delivery destination information specifying a delivery destination of the goods, wherein the designation data is regarded as an offer of a sales contract for the goods designated by the good designation information, from the customer to a retailer indicated by the packaging material

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designated by the packaging material designation information, and the server computer receives the designation data as an agent of the retailer;

specifying retailer information corresponding to the packaging material information of the packaging material indicated by the packaging material designation information in the designation data received, based on said packaging material data;

generating order data including the specified retailer information, customer information indicating the customer, and the goods designation information in the designation data received;

transmitting the generated order data to the first client computer of the retailer indicated by the retailer information in the order data, by which the retailer can settle an account of the customer as to a price of the goods designated by the goods designation information in the order data;

generating delivery instruction data including the packaging material designation information, the goods designation information and the delivery destination information in the designation data received; and

transmitting the generated delivery instruction data to the third client computer operated by the freight agency;

extracting order data whose retailer information indicates a retailer different from that indicated by the retailer information in the goods data corresponding to goods designation information in the same order data, and

gathering statistics including the retailer information and goods designation information in the extracted order data.

wherein said goods data includes retailer information indicating every retailer usually selling corresponding goods.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method for selling goods according to claim 3, wherein

said packaging material data further includes payment mode information indicating one or more payment modes provided by the retailer indicated by the retailer information in the packaging material data,

said offering data further includes the payment mode information in the packaging material data,

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said designation data further includes payment mode designation information designating a payment mode selected by the customer based on the payment mode information in the offering data, and

said order data further includes the payment mode designation information in the designation data.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method for selling goods according to claim 3, wherein said packaging material data further includes charge information indicating a charge related to a corresponding packaging material,

the goods description information in said goods data includes a price of the goods, and the method further comprising:

obtaining the price of the goods indicated by the goods designation information in the designation data based on the goods description information in the goods data, and the charge related to the packaging material indicated by the packaging material designation information in the designation data based on the packaging material data; and

calculating the total amount that should be paid by the customer, based on the price and the charge related to the packaging material.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

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15. (Previously Presented) A method for selling goods according to claim 2, wherein said packaging material data further includes payment mode information indicating one or more payment modes provided by the retailer indicated by the retailer information in the packaging material data,

said offering data further includes the payment mode information in the packaging material data,

said designation data further includes payment mode designation information designating a payment mode selected by the customer based on the payment mode information in the offering data, and

said order data further includes the payment mode designation information in the designation data.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method for selling goods according to claim 2, wherein said packaging material data further includes charge information indicating a charge related to a corresponding packaging material,

the goods description information in said goods data includes a price of the goods, and the method further comprising:

obtaining the price of the goods indicated by the goods designation information in the designation data based on the goods description information in the goods data, and the charge related to the packaging material indicated by the packaging material designation information in the designation data based on the packaging material data; and

calculating the total amount that should be paid by the customer, based on the price and the charge related to the packaging material.